

## ED. LASKI TRIES HARD TO SUICIDE

### Hammond Man Bites Stomach Pump in Twain After He Had Tried to Commit Suicide—Makes Four Attempts to Take His Life.

Poiled again! For a fourth time within recent years, Edward Laski, a laborer, living at 744 Michigan avenue, Hammond, yesterday, attempted to commit suicide to rid himself of his marital troubles. This time he chose the poison route, and had already swallowed a dose of it. Baffled in his attempt to find the eternal rest for which he said he had been looking, he bit the hose of the stomach pump in two and fought like a maniac against five men who attempted to hold him down. He said this morning that his desperate resistance was due to the fact that he was in his death struggle, but those who held him down while the doctors worked over him do not take that explanation very seriously. At any rate he knows all about it today. He said yesterday that he would yet kill himself and that before the week is over. But his friends use the words of a widely advertised patent medicine doctor and say, "There is hope."

Blames His Wife. Laski sat in his home yesterday apparently well when suddenly he fell from his chair. His wife ran out and summoned the neighbors and Drs. A. A. Young and E. W. Childlaw were summoned. When Laski had been sufficiently revived he explained that he was driven to the act by his wife's behavior. He charged her with excessive drinking and making life in general miserable for him, and this morning he said that

## SO. BEND GETS TRACK MEETING

### Athletic and Oratorical Contests for Northern Indiana High Schools Will Be Held at South Bend on May 14.

The next track meet of the Northern Indiana Athletic association will be held at South Bend on May 14, under the auspices of Notre Dame university. The oratorical contest will be held on the same date.

This was the decision that was reached by the principals of the high schools of northern Indiana at the meeting which ended their Saturday evening. Committees on judges and medals were appointed. It was decided to bar the hammer throw on account of the great danger that accompanies this event.

Superintendent Frank D. McElroy of Hammond represented the local school. He reports that the discussion of betterments for the high schools of this part of the state were very profitable.

A South Bend paper has the following to say about the meeting:

**Fifteen Are Present.** The first annual meeting of the School Principals' club of northern Indiana in South Bend closed Saturday evening after a two days' session. The club is composed of principals of fifteen high schools of the northern part of the state. Those present were: M. C. Murray, Michigan City; Frank D. McElroy, Hammond; Edward Sargent, Gary; John W. Rittinger, Laporte; S. B. McCracken, Elkhart; Webster Davis, Goshen; James H. Gray, Huntington; Charles H. Brady, Warsaw; Paul Coughlin, Peru; James H. Shock, Lafayette; Clarence B. Hayworth, Kokomo.

Last Friday evening the visitors attended "The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary" at the Auditorium. This morning another round table meeting was held and was attended by twelve principals.

At 1:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon a meeting of the ten principals of the high schools in the Northern Indiana Athletic and Oratorical league was held and arrangements were made for the annual track meeting and oratorical contest, which will be held in May. This track meet of the high schools creates a great amount of enthusiasm and spirit in the various high schools composing the league.

## COMMITTEE WILL MEET AT HARBOR

The next big political event of the several that will precede the coming campaign will be held in Indiana Harbor, when the republican county central committee will meet on Saturday, Feb. 19, for the purpose of setting the date of the county convention.

This will bring all of the politicians from over the county together for a conference, and will be quite an event. It is expected that the announcements of several candidacies will be made.

It is not known at this time where the district convention, which will nominate Congressman E. D. Crumpacker, will be held. It is thought, however, that it may be held in Hammond. Other cities in the district may make a bid for it.

## OFFICIAL SAYS SALOONS ARE AROUSED

### Lake County Saloonkeepers' Association Man Declares That State Wide War on Lawbreaking Saloonkeepers Is to Be Waged.

(Special to THE TIMES.) Crown Point, Ind., Feb. 14.—That the saloon interests throughout Indiana are on the eve of commencing a systematized and vigorous warfare upon unlicensed, illegal and saloons of ill repute and character, was made known here recently by an official high in the councils of the Lake county saloonkeepers.

Have Been Made Before. Such declarations of the same intent have been made before, and to very little purpose or accomplishment, but according to the official in question, the saloon interests, alarmed by the trend of sentiment against the traffic, are going to adopt the "do something" policy and every saloon of questionable character or policy will be subjected to the searching gaze and investigation of special detectives hired by the brewery combine for that special purpose. When found they will be put on the black list, to be subjected to the "weeding out" treatment, to be followed close upon the report of the investigating envoys. Fearful that the next step in the liquor warfare in Indiana may mean state-wide prohibition, the brewery interests operating within the confines of Indiana have awakened to the necessity for drastic action to meet the demand for reform in the liquor traffic, and not only the saloonkeepers will be made the object of the investigation of the hired detectives, but the action of police officers, city councils and mayors will be carefully scrutinized by the liquor envoys, so that the reason for illegal traffic of blind tigers may be ascertained, and the officials responsible for their operation may be brought to justice by the evidence secured, and money spent by the brewers for this purpose, without implicating or involving the average citizen in bringing the offenders to justice.

Lake County to Be Target. Lake county, according to the official, will be the target for a lion's

## JOSEPH IS LUCKY PERSON

Joseph Urchack of Whiting fell into the river at Monroe street last night while on his way to the Lake Shore railroad depot in Chicago. Several persons saw him struggling in the water. William Schroeder, a private watchman, climbed out on the bridge piling in the river and threw the end of his overcoat down to the drowning man, who grasped it. Urchack was helped to the bank and was taken to the Central police station, where he was revived. He said he is a laborer.

## INTERNES GIVE UP JOBS AT HOSPITAL

### Drs. Brown and Collins Form New Partnership and Will Soon Leave for Butte, Montana, to Begin Practice Medicine.

Dr. Stanislaw Brown and Dr. W. G. Collins, the present interns at St. Margaret's hospital, have resigned their positions, and will take up the practice of medicine at Butte, Mont. It is understood that no effort has been made, as yet, to supply the vacancies that will be caused by their leaving.

Drs. Brown and Collins are said to be the best internes that St. Margaret's hospital ever had. They were roommates at college and both decided that they could get more experience at St. Margaret's hospital in both surgical and other cases than in any other place.

While here they have carried on research work in connection with their work at the hospital. They feel that the field in Hammond is pretty well filled, and now that they had a year or more of valuable experience in the hospital in this city they have decided to go to Butte and take up the practice of medicine there.

Regret Loss to Hospital. The medical fraternity in this city deeply regrets that these popular and efficient internes are to leave the hospital, and it is freely admitted that it will be very difficult to get two men who will fill their places as well as they have filled them.

Incidentally the fact has become recognized that there is not a better place in the country for a young doctor to get the necessary preliminary experience than in St. Margaret's hospital.

In the Chicago hospitals there are so many students in the medical colleges who are anxious to get the experience of looking after cases that a doctor is likely to get a single case of typhoid fever, for instance, during the year.

But in Hammond there have been as many as thirty cases of typhoid fever in the hospital at one time, to say nothing of the number of surgical cases, including abdominal operations that are frequently performed. For this reason there will probably be a large number of applicants for the positions that will soon be vacant.

## DEATH OF RONEY C. SHEARER

R. C. Shearer, 56 years old, died Saturday night at the home of his brother, W. S. Shearer, 337 Sibley street, his death having been due to a complication of diseases. His family lives in Hobart, and the funeral will be held there tomorrow afternoon, arrangements having been made to take the body home by carriage. The deceased was a union bricklayer and also a member of the Hobart Court of Independent Order of Foresters. His funeral will be held under the auspices of this organization.

Mr. Shearer was born near Hobart March 10, 1854. He was married to Mary Perry in 1878, and is the father of three children, Hettie, Samuel and Henry. Among his living relatives are his son, Henry and daughter, Hettie; his aged father and mother, five brothers and four sisters. Short services will be held at the house, 337 Sibley street, tomorrow morning at 9:30, and church services will be held at the Congregational church at Hobart.

## Board Meets This Morning.

The board of public works this morning opened the bids for the contract to supply the city with house numbers. The house numbers are to be of aluminum and three inches in height. As soon as the contract is awarded and the numbers arrive the new house numbering ordinance will be put into effect. The bids were taken under advisement until next Wednesday.

**Sale Is a Hummer.** The Lion store this morning began the second week of its big semi-annual mill end sale and indications were that the second week would equal the first in the number of bargain hunters. The counters are not nearly cleared, new stock having been added in many lines. The prices have been slashed to the core and will continue so for the balance of the week.

A number of people who visited the store last week reached high into the thousands.

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## BUGOSH IS CLEARED BE GOSH!

(Special to THE TIMES.) Whiting, Ind., Feb. 14.—The arrest of Andrew Bugosh and John Dutchie occurred on 118th street about 2 p. m. Monday, by Chief of Police Lawler. The men were in a rather intoxicated condition and were driving up and down the main street in a buggy at an awful speed and in a very reckless way.

Both were arraigned before Mayor Parks and Bugosh, being the owner of the rig and the driver, was fined \$5 and costs, which he paid and was released. Dutchie was discharged.

Bugosh is the owner of the truck farm at 119th street and Sheffield avenue, which was formerly kept by pinka.

## NEW LEAGUE IS STARTED AT HARBOR

### Three Hundred Persons Attend Meeting Yesterday Afternoon and Start the Indiana Harbor Civic League.

(Special to THE TIMES.) Indiana Harbor, Ind., Feb. 14.—The movement for the disannexation of Indiana Harbor from East Chicago received added impetus yesterday at the meeting, which was held at Cline's hall, to further this object, being better attended than any of the previous sessions. About 300 persons were present, and before the close of the meeting a petition was circulated indicating the desire of those present for disannexation. This was signed by about ninety.

The promoters of the movement perfected their organization yesterday, electing permanent officers and adopting resolutions for the governing of the body. The latter is to be known as the Indiana Harbor Civic League. Considerable difficulty was experienced in securing a secretary, J. W. Bedford, who was chosen for the office, declining to serve after his election, whereupon half a dozen other men were requested to act in his stead, but they also refused, the result being that Bedford's name was allowed to stand, and he was finally persuaded to accept the office.

The officers chosen were as follows: President—Dr. William A. Weiser. Vice president—Otto Seehase. Secretary—J. W. Bedford. Assistant secretary—Charles Bowen. Treasurer—Richard Vollbrecht.

Seehase in Chair. Temporary Chairman Otto Seehase called the meeting to order and then announced that the first order of business would be the appointment of a committee to draft resolutions setting forth the purpose of the meeting. The following were appointed to serve in this capacity: J. W. Brisley, J. U. Bowser and A. Bedford. The committee retained and after a short absence brought in the resolutions.

The next order of business was the election of officers, and after this was accomplished, Temporary Chairman

## GARY MAN FINED

Thomas Gets Boozed to His Sorrow. Thomas Maxwell, an electrician employed in Gary, and Peter Marshmer, an ironworker from Euclid, Pa., were each fined \$1 and costs yesterday in the city court at Hammond. They were charged with drunkenness, and being intoxicated, started a fight in Kammerer's saloon, at the corner of Hobart and State street, Saturday afternoon. Both paid their fines and were released.

## OF COURSE HE IS.

Forest Park, Ill., Feb. 14. Editor Times: I enclose \$1.50 for six months' subscription to THE TIMES. I am well pleased with the paper. Yours very truly, WM. LIENFELT.

Here's Another. Cozad, Neb., Feb. 10. Times: I enclose \$1.50 for six months' subscription to THE TIMES. Certainly continue my subscription. Respectfully, B. H. DUTTON.

## DEAL IS CLOSED

### WM. BURKE MURDERED FOR \$1.95

### Shocking Tragedy Takes Place on Ice-Covered Slough East of Hammond—Murdered Man Has a Hard Fight for His Life.

Murdered for \$1.95, William Burke, a well-known Hammond character, was found dead this morning by Jesse Ewing and other people going to work, on the ice of a frozen slough, between the Indiana Harbor railway yards and Summer street, near where the old Forsythe road crosses Summer street.

Burke was employed as a section man at the Gibson yards, and lived in a shack near his work. Although he had been a heavy drinker while in Hammond, those who knew him lately say that he had remained sober and he was sober last night when he left the Rudolph Balag saloon, near Forsythe avenue.

There was plenty of evidence that the man sold his life dearly. He was partially stripped of his clothes in search for money, it having been learned that he had been paid last Saturday. He had, however, given \$33.75 of his pay to Balag to keep, and this the murderers did not get. He has a brother by the name of William Burke and resides in Iowa, but up to noon today the police were unable to locate any of them.

The body has been taken to Emmerring's morgue, where Coroner E. M. Shanklin held the inquest.

William Burke is about 60 years old. He is well-known among the railroad men at Indiana Harbor, and several months ago was a patient at St. Margaret's hospital. He was a familiar figure to the Hammond police, who have arrested him several times because he was found in an intoxicated condition. Lately, however, he has led a rather sober life and while he was not a total abstainer, was temperate in his imbibing.

Captain Fred Rimbach and Officer Emil Bunde have been working on the case all morning. They have found conclusive evidence that the old man, who was always considered to be harmless, was the victim of an atrocious murder. In the snow was found evidence of the terrible struggle in which Burke battled against desperate odds. His head is laid open in several places, but no instrument was found near by with which the deed had been committed. It appeared that after he had received the first blow that he ran, but being stunned he fell into the snow. He covered a distance of possibly fifty feet before his assailant attacked him again. He evidently retained enough strength to run another forty feet, but here he succumbed to the blows which were rained on his head.

**Murder Four Weeks Ago.** Shortly before Jesse Ewing, a barber at Grasselli, had made his discovery, the body was also seen by Motorman A. L. West and Conductor H. N. Nichols on the first westbound Gary & Interurban car. They also notified the police station.

In a way the case is analogous to the murder which occurred in Gibson just four weeks ago. Sam Ristivo was shot and killed in a boxcar in which he lived at Gibson. The motive there was not so apparent, but it is believed that the only reason the holdup men did not take his money is because they were scared away after the shooting.

Chief Austgen and his men promise to bend every effort toward apprehending the murderers of William Burke.

## PLAYS TO A LARGE HOUSE

"The Time, Place and the Gift" played to a large house at Towle's Opera House last night. Every seat on the main floor with the exception of a few in the last two rows was sold out, and the balcony and gallery were jammed. The play carried extra scenery that has never been seen in the former appearances of this attraction in Hammond. The music was tuneful and the second act was especially beautiful.

Tonight "The Man on the Box" is the attraction, and Boyd B. Druesdale of New York plays the leading part. The company, in fact, is from New York, and is said to be an exceedingly good one.

The advance sale for this play has been very satisfactory, and it is expected that the house will be packed.

## WILCOX BUYS NEW MODEL

Hammond Man Gets Buick From Hammond Garage. A. E. Wilcox of the W. B. Conkey Co. has just purchased a new 1910 model Buick. Mr. Wilcox made his purchase from the Hammond Garage company and will soon be sporting one of the best looking machines in the city.

This is but one of several purchases that are being made at the present time by Hammond business men. The indications are that there will be more automobiles bought in Hammond this spring than any that have been bought in any two years before.

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## IS CLOSED

### MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL ASSURED

### Site For \$200,000 Structure Purchased From A. M. Turner, Consideration being \$14,000

## INTERESTING MEETING PLANNED FOR TONIGHT

### Electric Light, Men Will Speak Before Business Men's Association.

### W. D. RAY VS. OTTO KNOERZER

Lighting Question In All Its Intricacies Will Be Taken Up By Experts.

The meeting of the Hammond Business Men's association this evening will feature a ten-round bout between Manager W. D. Ray of the Northern Indiana Gas & Electric company and Otto Knoerzer of the local independent lighting company.

This is believed to be only a preliminary to the fight to a finish that is expected to take place over the lighting question in this city. The contest will be interesting, to say the least.

Notices have been sent out to all of the members of the association, and the meeting is advertised to take place at Wells' hall in this city tonight.

**Big Question at Issue.** The lighting question in all its intricacies will be taken up. It will be a liberal education in electrical engineering. The old question: "Is it desirable to give a company a monopoly of a public utility, providing it makes good terms with the city, or is competition desirable?" will be thoroughly thrashed out.

There are some citizens who think that it would be a mistake to permit another company to come into the field, and by putting up another set of poles make the city look as though there were a double row of enormous pickets on either side of the street, providing proper terms can be secured from the local company and there are others who think that competition is desirable even if it does disfigure the city.

The meeting will be an interesting one, and any citizen who cares to hear the arguments is invited to attend.

## NEW CIVIC CENTER MADE

### Owner of Property Will Take It Back at Price Paid Any Time.

The Hammond board of education last Saturday closed the deal with A. M. Turner for the purchase of seven and one-half acres of land, comprising two and one-half blocks of land with a frontage of 620 feet on Calumet avenue, which is to be occupied by the \$200,000 manual training high school that will be built in this city in the near future. The consideration was \$14,000.

By the purchase of this property several things will be accomplished for the city of Hammond. The property will be converted into a beautiful park, an athletic field is to be provided for the use of the students, and Calumet avenue may become a new center of the city. It may become this for the reason that two school houses and the Christian church, a \$30,000 structure, and a handsome fire station are already built on this street.

**PURCHASE CAREFULLY MADE.** The purchase was only made after the school board had canvassed the situation.

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## HOBART'S OLDEST MERCHANT IS DEAD

### John E. Mander Dies Yesterday at His Home in Hobart.

### ONCE AN ACTIVE POLITICIAN

### Fought a Great Fight Against Senator Kopelke But Suffered Defeat.

(Special to THE TIMES.) Hobart, Ind., Feb. 14.—John E. Mander, Hobart's oldest merchant, died yesterday at the age of 70 years. His funeral has been arranged for Wednesday afternoon and will be held under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity of Hobart.

With the death of Mr. Mander there passes away a man whose life has been closely interwoven with the social and political and business life of Lake county.

As a business man Mr. Mander belonged to that old class which is now fast disappearing. He was a self-made man, who with a hard-headed business sense knew how to make and take advantage of opportunities.

**Was Candidate for State Senator.** Originally Mr. Mander was a farmer at Jackson Center, in Porter county. He branched out and soon became a big hay and produce buyer. Being finally established in Porter county he extended his activities into Lake county in Hobart, having, however, done business here long before. In Hobart he maintained a general store, catering especially to the farm trade.

In 1892 the republican party of Lake county honored him with the nomination for state senator against Senator Johannes Kopelke of Crown Point. The campaign was a memorable one and resulted in a victory for the democratic candidate.

Mr. Mander was the father of three daughters and two sons. One of his daughters lived with him and kept his home for him.